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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN: UK
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1. WE DISCUSSED ISRAEL SUSPENSION PROBLEM WITH MICHAEL WEIR AGAIN ON JUNE 23. HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE US STATUS REPORT ON UK VIEWS PROMISED EARLIER BUT DID SAY THAT HE WAS SURE UK WOULD SEE NO HARM IN U.S. MAKING EC-9 AWARE THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MAY BE AN ARAB MOVE IN THE UN TO SUSPEND ISRAEL. HE FELT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR U.S. TO DO THIS EITHER IN DUBLIN OR IN CAPITALS. HE HOPED THAT U.S. WOULD NOT INDICATE THAT UK HAD BEEN CONSULTED BEFORE REST OF EC-9.

2. WEIR SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH SYRIANS DURING RECENT VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY HAD SAID THAT ARABS HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN TO TRY TO ACHIEVE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN BUT IT IS TO BE USED ONLY IF IT APPEARS THAT MOVEMENT TOWARD GENEVA
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NEGOTIATIONS OR SOME OTHER FORM OF NEGOTIATIONS IS AT

COMPLETE STANDSTILL. WEIR SAID THAT THERE APPEAR TO BE NO SIGNS OF A SERIOUS ARAB MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION IN THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH URWICK, HEAD OF FCO NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICA DEPT., HE SAID THAT HE HAD RAISED THE PROBLEM OF ISRAEL SUSPENSION FROM THE U.N. SOME TIME AGO IN AN EC-9 NEAR EAST EXPERTS MEETING. HE EXPOSED PROBLEM TO OTHER EXPERTS AND NOTED U.S. CONCERNS. EXPERTS TOOK NOTE BUT DID NOT REPORT HIS INTERVENTION TO POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT THAT TIME. (URWICK ASKS THAT HE BE PROTECTED ON THIS POINT AS EXPERTS MEETINGS ARE MOST SENSITIVE TO LEAKS TO OUTSIDERS.) HE AGREED THAT UK WOULD NOT OBJECT TO U.S. MAKING DEMARCHE TO EC-9 BUT HE REITERATED THAT NO REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO CONSULTATIONS WITH UK OR TO INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT GAINED FROM UK OFFICIALS.

4. AS OF COB JUNE 24, FCO WAS STILL UNABLE TO ADVISE US WHEN WE CAN EXPECT "CONSIDERED VIEWS" ON SUSPENSION PROBLEM BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THEM ON THIS POINT. MEANWHILE WE SEE NO OBJECTION FROM LONDON TO U.S. PROCEEDING WITH EC-9 DEMARCHE.

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